



The Federal Redistribution 2009
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Objection Number 57

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To: QLD Redistribution
Cc: 'Cate Lamont'; Gerald Hobbler; 'Linda Davis'; 'Peter North'; 'Rachael Kelly'
Subject: Redistribution for Leichardt and Kennedy

To Whom it May Concern:

I wish to lodge my opposition to the redrawing of the boundaries for the above electoral areas that would transfer the Kuranda District to Kennedy rather than remain in Leichardt.

The Kuranda District has been historically and typically disadvantaged by geographic location as well as local government boundaries. There has been much local opposition to Kuranda being in the (newly amalgamated) Tablelands Shire as well as to the previous Mareeba Shire inclusion for the Kuranda District.

The Kuranda District differs significantly in characteristics to the Tablelands Shire Council area including:

- Social Service System
- Indigenous
- Employment
- Environment
- Ecology
- Tourism

From a Social Services perspective, Kuranda requires outreach services to travel to the District to deliver services. Already QLD Community Health (based in Smithfield – in the Cairns boundary for local, state and federal government) delivers daily service to Kuranda, Lifeline provide an outreach worker from their Cairns based service one day per week, WuChopperen (Indigenous Social Service) provide outreach from Cairns, Lifeline Gambling Help and Financial Counsellor travel from Cairns, ITEC Employment come from Cairns three days per fortnight.

There has been significant consultation and negotiation with the current state and federal members of parliament to ensure adequate service coverage for the Kuranda District who are best placed to identify and address local issues and needs.

Another significant consideration is that the local **Indigenous Djabuguy Tribal boundaries (which include Djabugandji, Yidinjdji, Wargamaygan, Djirbalngan, Nyawaygi – Aboriginal Wall Map: Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies)** include the Kuranda District in the coastal (rainforest) clan groupings that include Mossman, Pt Douglas and Cairns. This is significant from a cultural perspective as the linkages between clan and tribal relationships and connection to country is of great importance in the design of government responses and representation.

Therefore I request formally that the Kuranda District remain in the electoral boundaries of Leichardt.

I am available to discuss this further if required.

Yours Truly

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